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## **Governor Musgrove Signs Bill to Combat Under-Age Drinking**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has signed Senate Bill 2890, which establishes new methods for enforcing laws against the sale of beer or light wine to minors. The bill also sets penalties for retailers and minors in case of conviction.

“Alcohol, in all forms, is too readily available to our children, and they don’t need that kind of influence,” Musgrove said. “We will do everything within our power to protect them from it and from those who would make it available to them.”

Senate Bill 2890 authorizes the State Tax Commission to use enforcement officers of the Alcohol Beverage Control Division, in cooperation with local law officers, to enforce laws prohibiting the sale of beer or light wine to minors.

Penalties under the legislation include fines, driver’s license suspensions, and community service.

“This legislation is consistent with other bills I have signed or vetoed this session,” said Musgrove.

Musgrove signed a bill lowering the Blood Alcohol Content level from .10 to .08 for DUI cases. He also vetoed a measure which would increase the alcohol percentage in malt beverages and allow brewpubs to provide free samples to customers.

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